


REMARKS

The specification has been amended to include the priority information for this application. Claims 1-7 and 9-11 have been canceled without prejudice. Claim 8 has been amended as in parent Application No. 09/550,152. Claim 12 is identical to claim 18 in parent Application No. 09/550,152. Support for the amendments to claim 8 and new claim 12 is found at, for example, original claims 1 and 9. Claims 8 and 12 are pending.

Each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted


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